

# **EXHIBIT A**



Results for: "Ed Butowsky" AND ("Seth Rich" OR (Russia! /3 Hack...

## News

### 1. [Prime-Time Conspiracy Theory](#)

The Weekly Standard | Jun 05, 2017 | Vol. 22; No. 37 | 1476 | John McCormackThe Weekly Standard

... to his family. It remains a heartbreaking mystery, but the reason **Seth Rich**'s murder became a national story this month is because of the conspiracy theories surrounding it namely the claim that **Seth Rich** was involved in the **hacking of DNC emails**, a batch of which were published by **WikiLeaks** 12 days after Rich's death. The conspiracy was stoked by Julian Assange of **WikiLeaks** and by Donald Trump ally Roger Stone in 2016, but it ...

... tangible evidence on Rich's laptop that confirms he was communicating with **WikiLeaks** prior to his death. Wheeler's investigation was funded by wealthy Dallas businessman (and Breitbart News contributor) **Ed Butowsky** , but Wheeler had signed a contract with the Rich family ...

... the local Fox TV interview, quickly zipped around the Internet: Dead **DNC** Staffer 'Had Con-tact' with **WikiLeaks**, read the Drudge Report banner headline. Not ...

... FBI analysis of a computer belonging to Rich contained thousands of **e-mails** to and from **WikiLeaks** , NBC's Alex Seitz-Wald reported. Local police in Washington, D.C., never ...

... that the FBI never played any role in the investigation of **Seth Rich** 's murder, Rich family spokesman Brad Bauman tells me. According to ...

### 2. [Lawmaker: DNC hack 'insider job'](#)

The Dallas Morning News | May 25, 2017 | NEWS; Pg. A06 | 426 | JAMIE LOVEGROVEWashington Bureau

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### 3. [All It Takes Is a Story and Someone to Believe It](#)

The New York Times | May 25, 2017 | Section B; Column 0; Business/Financial Desk; Pg. 3; MEDIATOR | 1160 | By JIM RUTENBERG

... But as the **Seth Rich** story shows, we're going to need a bigger algorithm. In case you haven't been following it, the **Seth Rich** conspiracy holds that before his death (or, in this version of ...

... had been involved in the leaking of Clinton campaign emails to **WikiLeaks**, which the United States intelligence community has attributed to **Russian-sponsored hackers**....

... Kim Dotcom claims he has evidence that proves murdered DNC staffer **Seth Rich** was involved in the **WikiLeaks hack**." The article explained that Kim Dotcom is "a New Zealand **hacker**" -- wanted in the ... family as saying that Mr. Rich had been in contact with **WikiLeaks** before his death. But when questioned by Oliver Darcy of CNN, ... reporter who interviewed him about the case had told him. ( **Ed Butowsky** , a Dallas businessman who criticized Hillary Clinton last year, acknowledged ... PHOTO: Sean Hannity had been perpetrating a conspiracy theory about the **Seth Rich** murder on his nightly Fox News show. (PHOTOGRAPH BY CAROLYN KASTER/ASSOCIATED ... the unsolved murder of a Democratic National Committee staff member named **Seth Rich** -- it's this: Fake news dies hard. God knows people have ...

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4. [What does it take for Sean Hannity to abandon a conspiracy theory?](#)

Washington Post Blogs | May 24, 2017 | 1565 | Erik Wemple

... is getting more mysterious by the day, surrounding the murder of **DNC** staffer **Seth Rich**. One thing I will tell you, my opinion, strongly, guess what: It wasn't a robbery. Was he talking to **WikiLeaks** ? We'll investigate. And if he did, does this blow the ... questions, even though there is an effort that nobody talk about **Seth Rich** ." On Twitter , Hannity's defiance was, perforce, a bit more ... Wheeler, had seen evidence that Rich had been in contact with **WikiLeaks** before his death. Hannity loved it - here was a story ... would fuel innumerable segments on "Hannity." "If this is true and **Seth Rich** gave **WikiLeaks** the **DNC emails** which ultimately led to the firing - remember Debbie Wasserman Schultz on the eve of the **DNC** convention? - this blows the whole Russia collusion narrative completely out ... narrative remains in the water. Over the longer term, however, the **Seth Rich** story provides a case study in just how much counter-evidence, how ... this matter at this time," said Hannity. "This matter" is the **Seth Rich** story. Last July, the 27-year-old Rich, who worked at the Democratic National Committee ( ...

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5. [Seth Rich and the myth behind the unsolved murder case](#)

CNN.com | May 24, 2017 | US | 769 | By Faith Karimi, CNN

**Seth Rich** and the myth behind the unsolved murder case By Faith Karimi, CNN More than a year ago, **Seth Rich** was shot in the back as he made his way home ... him and why have made headlines on several occasions. The young **DNC** staffer died just as he was on the cusp of starting ... during his teenage years. Related: Fox News removes false story on **Seth Rich** 's murder Long before he headed to Washington, a US senator ... was hired on the Rich family's behalf by wealthy Republican businessman **Ed Butowsky** to investigate Rich's death, has filed a lawsuit against Fox News ... Rich's job at the **DNC** focused on a project to help voters find their polling places. ... months, right-wing media outlets have floated unproven theories that Rich provided **WikiLeaks** thousands of internal **DNC emails** , and suggested that his death might have been connected with ... conspiracy theory that he was murdered last year because he provided **WikiLeaks** with **emails** from the **DNC**. Theories on who killed him and why have made headlines on several occasions. The young **DNC** staffer died just as he was on the cusp of starting ...

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6. [Sean Hannity, a Murder and Why Fake News Endures;Mediator](#)

The New York Times | May 24, 2017 | BUSINESS; media | 1196 | JIM RUTENBERG

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9. [THE BASELESS CLAIM THAT SLAIN DNC STAFFER SETH RICH GAVE EMAILS TO WIKILEAKS](#)

Tampa Bay Times | May 23, 2017 | Pg. 0; PUNDITFACT | 1487 | LAUREN CARROLL

... laptop and the relationship between the Washington mayor's office and the **DNC**. "But you have sources at the FBI saying there is information that could link **Seth Rich** to **WikiLeaks** ?" asked the WTTG-TV reporter. "Absolutely," Wheeler replied. "Yeah, and that's ...

... release any Republican-related data." - - - Our ruling Gingrich said **DNC** staffer **Seth Rich** "apparently was assassinated at 4 in the morning, having given **WikiLeaks** something like 53,000 **emails** and 17,000 attachments. ... It turns out, it wasn't the **Russians**." There is no trustworthy evidence supporting the theory that Rich was **WikiLeaks**' source for thousands of **DNC emails** . The police believe his death was the result of a ...

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State Capital Newsfeed | May 23, 2017 | 2026

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11. [True facts about Seth Rich](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 23, 2017 | 2026 | CaptainKudzu

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12. [Dallas adviser tangled in buzz about staffer's killing](#)

The Dallas Morning News | May 22, 2017 | NEWS; Pg. A07 | 1315 | JULIETA CHIQUILLO Staff Writer  
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... the man who helped the family hire him: Dallas-area financial adviser **Ed Butowsky** . "The family is dismayed, disappointed and is currently exploring their ...  
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13. [WND Still Won't Admit Seth Rich Story Is Fake News](#)

State Capital Newsfeed | May 21, 2017 | 614  
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15. [Conspiracy theories meet legalities](#)

Washingtonpost.com | May 21, 2017 | Metro; Pg. C01 | 717 | Perry Stein

... and Wheeler's claims, further fueling the conspiracy theories. On Friday, the **Russian** Embassy in Britain tweeted that "**Wikileaks** informer **Seth Rich** murdered in US but [British mainstream media] was so busy accusing **Russian hackers** to take notice." Friends and family said that they remember Rich ...  
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16. [Family of slain DNC staer fighting back](#)

The Denver Post | May 21, 2017 | ASECTION; Pg. 9A | 633 | The Washington Post

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17. [Family of murdered DNC staffer Seth Rich threaten private investigator with legal action after he claimed the 27-year-old 'had WikiLeaks links' only to recant his comments a day later](#)

MailOnline | May 20, 2017 | NEWS; Version:2 | 1108 | DAILYMAIL.COM REPORTER

... whose investigation into Rich's death was funded by Fox News regular **Ed Butowsky**, told Fox5 on Monday: 'My investigation up to this point shows there was some degree of **email** exchange between **Seth Rich** and **WikiLeaks**.' Wheeler's claims fanned conspiracy theories surrounding Rich's death, but he ...  
... telling Buzzfeed he had no first hand evidence that Rich sent **emails** to a contact at **WikiLeaks**....  
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18. [The Seth Rich conspiracy shows how fake news still works](#)

Washington Post Blogs | May 20, 2017 | 1649 | David Weigel

... that he would break the story wide open. I knew **Seth Rich**. I know he was the @Wikileaks source. I was involved. <https://t.co/MbGQteHhZM> ...  
... **emails** to **WikiLeaks**, making him the target of an assassination. "You have information that could link **Seth Rich** to **WikiLeaks**?" asked Marraco. "Absolutely. Yeah. That's confirmed," said Wheeler, who Fox ...  
... TV news can be an easy mark. This iteration of the **Seth Rich** story started when the District's own Fox 5 ran a Monday ...  
... what had been rumored since last year: Rich might have leaked **DNC emails** to **WikiLeaks**, making him the target of an assassination....  
... idea that Wheeler was on their payroll; he was hired by **Ed Butowsky**, a Texas businessman who had grown interested in the case. ...  
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19. [WND Goes All In On Discredited Seth Rich Conspiracy Theories](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 18, 2017 | 892



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20. [A conspiratorial murder tale, with Fox News at the center](#)

The Daily Herald (Everett, Washington) | May 18, 2017 | NEWS | 977

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21. [A conspiratorial tale of murder, with Fox News at the center](#)

The Salt Lake Tribune | May 18, 2017 | NATION WORLD; - | 972 | Paul Farhi By The Washington Post

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22. [Fox 5 Clarifies Discredited Seth Rich Story, But Family Wants Full Retraction And Apology](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 18, 2017 | 1070 | Rachel Kurzius

... of his valuables got conspiracy theorists cooking up outlandish scenarios, and **Wikileaks** fanned the flames by offering reward money[4] for information about the homicide, implying that Rich (rather than, say, **Russian hackers**) was their source. Fox 5 claimed in its story published Monday that Rich had been in contact with **Wikileaks** before he died. The entire story was built on Wheeler, who ...

... A third-party, later revealed to be another Fox News guest named **Ed Butowsky**, hired Wheeler. Bauman says Butowsky and Wheeler "violated the trust ...

... and have manipulated the facts and have harmed the legacy of **Seth Rich**." Another person who offered monetary assistance to the family, a ...

... Of DNC Staffer[7]GOP Lobbyist Now Opening 'War Room' Dedicated To Solving **Seth Rich** Murder[8]'It's Hurtful': **Seth Rich** 's Family Responds To Latest Conspiracy Theory About His Murder[9]'We Need ...

... Your Help': Family Of Murdered DNC Staffer Pleas At Crime Scene[10] **Seth Rich** 's Family Demands Immediate Retraction Of Debunked Fox 5 Story[11]Updated with ...

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... that were made by Rod Wheeler, the private investigator hired by **Seth Rich** 's family, whose services are being paid for by a third ...

23. [How the Murder of a D.N.C. Staff Member Fueled Conspiracy Theories](#)

The New York Times | May 18, 2017 | Section ; Column 0; Express; Pg. | 1031 | By JONAH ENGEL BROMWICH

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24. [EXCLUSIVE: Family of slain DNC staffer Seth Rich demands D.C. police reveal details of its murder investigation after reports claimed he may have been the source of Wikileaks emails](#)

MailOnline | May 17, 2017 | NEWS; Version:4 | 1924 | ALANA GOODMAN FOR DAILYMAIL.COM

... was killed in a robbery attempt. A private investigator working for **Seth Rich**'s family said he has examined the slain **DNC** staffer's computers and found no evidence he was in contact with **Wikileaks** before his death, disputing claims made by an unnamed federal investigator ...

... led by GOP lobbyist Jack Burkman told DailyMail.com he found no **emails** to **Wikileaks** on **Seth Rich**'s computer • PI Rod Wheeler told DailyMail.com told he has never personally viewed the **emails** ...

... Wheeler, saying that he also saw evidence that Rich had exchanged **emails** with **Wikileaks**. 'My investigation up to this point shows there was some degree of **email** exchange between **Seth Rich** and **WikiLeaks**,' Wheeler told Fox News . But Wheeler told Dailymail.com that he has never personally viewed such **emails** . He said he does not know the unnamed federal investigator ...

... on racketeering charges - also announced on Twitter that he knew **Seth Rich** personally and had personal knowledge that Rich was the **Wikileaks** source. Rich's ...

25. [Fox Celebrates Comey News With Wall-To-Wall Coverage Of Hillary Murder Fox News Made Up](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 17, 2017 | 2076 | Doktor Zoom

... it was on TV! Still, Fox is determined to ride The **Seth Rich** Did **Wikileaks** story as far as it can, which means probably until some ...

... news. Dobbs and Fox News talking head Ed Rollins explained that **Seth Rich** 's family is obviously in on the cover-up,[11] because don't most ...

... was this was someone who took 40,000 documents out of the **DNC** and gave it to **WikiLeaks** . He's murdered in the middle of the night. That's a ...

... FBI investigator is the one who has a specific number, 44,053 **emails** that were transferred from his computer to **WikiLeaks** , and guess what? The police department, the federal investigators, none ...

... and the proof that Rich had taken 40,000 documents from the **DNC** ? That mysterious, unnamed former FBI guy who knows stuff. Seems ...

... dumb story got traction in the loonosphere, Rich worked for the **DNC** on voter expansion, which is a fancy way of saying he ...

... polling place. At 27, Rich had only been working for the **DNC** since 2014, making it unlikely he'd even have access to any ...

26. [Slain DNC staffer's family denies WikiLeaks reports](#)

Washingtonpost.com | May 17, 2017 | Metro; Pg. B05 | 783 | Peter Hermann

... by the family but by a "third party" he identified as **Ed Butowsky** , a Dallas financier who regularly appears on Fox's business channels ...

... "claiming he wanted to help." Butowsky said that he talked to **Seth Rich** 's father and recommended Wheeler. He denied paying Wheeler or financing ...

... staffer's family denies **WikiLeaks** reports Peter Hermann The family of slain Democratic National Committee staffer **Seth Rich** rejected Fox News reports that he had leaked work **emails** to **WikiLeaks** before he was fatally shot last year near his home in ...

... was behind the **DNC hack** . The Rich family's spokesman, Brad Bauman, said that Wheeler had ...

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... "claiming he wanted to help." Butowsky said that he talked to **Seth Rich** 's father and recommended Wheeler. He denied paying Wheeler or financing ...

... D.C. police. Law enforcement officials have said that Rich's computer and **email** activity have been examined and suggest nothing that would connect him to **WikiLeaks** - which, 12 days after Rich's death, published 20,000 **emails** that embarrassed former secretary of state Hillary Clinton and the **DNC** , and forced the ouster of its chairwoman....

27. [Story on DNC staffer's murder dominated conservative media -- hours later it fell apart](#)

CNN Wire | May 17, 2017 | 850 | By Oliver Darcy

... "investigation up to this point shows there was some degree of **email** exchange between **Seth Rich** and **Wikileaks**," Wheeler said he was referring to information that had already ...  
... which he said the family had "seen no evidence" to suggest **Seth Rich** had been in contact with **Wikileaks**. Bauman told CNN the outlets that had run with the ...  
... was put in touch with the Rich family through Dallas businessman **Ed Butowsky**, who told CNN he had offered to pay any bills ...  
... in Washington. Wheeler, who was under contract with the family of **Seth Rich**, a Democratic National Committee staffer who was fatally shot in ...  
... WTTG-TV evidence existed that proved Rich had been in contact with **Wikileaks** before his death...  
... evidence existed that proved Rich had been in contact with **Wikileaks** before his death. For months, right-wing media outlets have floated unproven theories that Rich was the person who provided **Wikileaks** thousands of internal **DNC emails**, and that his death might have been connected with the ...  
... cover-ups in American political history, dispelling the widespread claim that the **Russians** were behind ...

28. [Fox 5 Continues Peddling Shameful Hearsay On Murder Of DNC Staffer](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 17, 2017 | 1616 | Rachel Kurzius

... Delivered by Newstex) One of the billboards soliciting information about **Seth Rich**'s murder. (Photo by Rachel Kurzius) The death of **Seth Rich** last July was a tragedy. Fatally shot in Bloomingdale, his murder ...  
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... has led to the emergence of conspiracy theories, mainly involving the **DNC emails** released by **Wikileaks** over the summer. **Wikileaks** itself fanned the flames by offering \$20,000[1] for information about his ...  
... an interview[2] that Rich could have been the source of the **emails**. The organization later said the reward "should not be taken to imply that **Seth Rich** was a source to **WikiLeaks** or that his murder is connected to our publications." U.S. intelligence ...  
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29. [Seth Rich's Family Demands Immediate Retraction Of Debunked Fox 5 Story](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 17, 2017 | 1244 | Rachel Kurzius

... Of DNC Staffer[12]GOP Lobbyist Now Opening 'War Room' Dedicated To Solving **Seth Rich** Murder[13]'It's Hurtful': **Seth Rich** 's Family Responds To Latest Conspiracy Theory About His Murder[14]'We Need ...  
... by Newstex) (From L to R) Then-D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier, **Seth Rich** 's girlfriend Kelsey, Mary Rich, Aaron Rich, and Joel Rich at ...

... to push out its report[3], which uses hearsay to claim that **Seth Rich** was in contact with **Wikileaks** before he was fatally shot on July 10 in Bloomington. Since ...  
... 8]: <http://money.cnn.com/2017/05/16/media/seth-rich-family-response-claims-of-wikileaks-contact/index.html> [ 9]: ...  
... 10]: <https://www.mediamatters.org/video/2017/05/16/sean-hannity-pushes-seth-rich-conspiracy-theory-even-after-story-falls-apart/216501> [ 11]: ...  
... if not the Rich family, who hired Wheeler? That would be **Ed Butowsky** , another Fox News guest, says Bauman. While Butowsky originally denied ...  
... history." "The folks who are pushing these fake news stories about **Seth Rich** are simultaneously destroying a family and any hope they have to ...

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30. [One last time: That Seth Rich story is garbage](#)

The Examiner (Washington, DC) | May 17, 2017 | 634 | Becket Adams

... at the FBI saying that there is information that could link **Seth Rich** to **WikiLeaks** ?" the Fox 5 reporter asked. "Absolutely," Wheeler said. "And that's ...  
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... One last time: That **Seth Rich** story is garbage Becket Adams Washington, D.C. FULL TEXT The story that circulated this week about **Seth Rich**, the Democratic National Committee...  
... recommended to Rich's family by financial adviser and Fox News contributor **Ed Butowsky** . On Tuesday, the conservative businessman and occasional Breitbart News contributor ...  
... alleged that the slain DNC data analyst was in contact with **WikiLeaks** prior to his death on July 10, 2016. **WikiLeaks** , of course, published thousands of emails pilfered from accounts belonging ...

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31. [The Big-Money PR War Over Seth Rich's Death; Two competing lobbyists have been waging major PR campaigns over Seth Rich's murder. Today, it blew up.](#)

The Daily Beast | May 17, 2017 | 1113 | Ben Collins

... contributor-turned-private-eye, a local Fox station reported that slain DNC staffer **Seth Rich** was "communicating with **WikiLeaks** prior to his death" and it could be proven with "tangible ...  
... title was later amended to read "Family of slain DNC staffer **Seth Rich** blasts detective over report of **WikiLeaks** link." That story, now discredited, remains with its original title on ...  
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32. [How the Murder of a D.N.C. Staff Member Fueled Conspiracy Theories](#)



The New York Times | May 17, 2017 | US | 1041 | JONAH ENGEL BROMWICH

... JONAH ENGEL BROMWICH Conservative media outlets have used the death of **Seth Rich**, who was killed in Washington last summer, to speculate about who gave Democratic data to **WikiLeaks**. The murder last July of an employee of the ...

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33. [Family of murdered DNC staffer Seth Rich denies report he sent WikiLeaks emails](#)

The Examiner (Washington, DC) | May 16, 2017 | 556 | Anna Giaritelli Kyle Feldscher

... staffer **Seth Rich** denies report he sent **WikiLeaks** emails Anna Giaritelli Kyle Feldscher Washington, D.C. FULL TEXT The family ...

... a report that their son leaked more than 44,000 emails to **WikiLeaks** before his death....

... this point shows there was some degree of email exchange between **Seth Rich** and **WikiLeaks**,"

Wheeler told Fox News. "I do believe that the answers to who murdered **Seth Rich** sits on his computer on a shelf at the D.C. police ...

... nothing to do so." Earlier Tuesday, Fox News reported that 27-year-old **Seth Rich** may have been the one who leaked information about the DNC to **WikiLeaks** that showed, among other things, that the ...

... told NBC News the Fox News report was bogus. Bauman said **Ed Butowsky**, a conservative Dallas-based financial adviser, reached out to the family ...

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34. [Fox Pushes WikiLeaks Murder Conspiracy From Man Who Warned Of Armed Lesbian Pedophiles](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 16, 2017 | 1078 | Travis Waldron

... Tuesday begged for follow-up reporting[5] into the supposed links between Rich and **WikiLeaks**. Despite its thin sourcing, the story also still led Fox ...

... then, the original headline on Fox News' story — '**Seth Rich**, slain **DNC** staffer, had contact with **WikiLeaks**, say multiple sources' — had changed to 'Family of slain **DNC** staffer blasts detective over report of **Wikileaks** link.' The story's first sentence had also been changed to reflect ...

... to work with the family to bring closure to this case.' **WikiLeaks** has had an interest in Rich's case from its outset and ...

... reward for any information leading to the arrest of Rich's killer. **WikiLeaks** did not respond to an email asking if Rich had made any contact with or provided any ...

... we have seen no evidence, we have been approached with no emails and only learned about this when contacted by the press,' the statement reads. 'Even if tomorrow, an email was found, it is not a high enough bar of evidence to prove any interactions as emails can be altered and we've seen that those interested in pushing conspiracies will stop at nothing to do so.' The **WikiLeaks** theory isn't the only conspiracy Rich's family has had to endure. ...



35. [Hillary Clinton Re-Murdered DNC Staffer All Over Again Because Wikileaks. Obviously.](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 16, 2017 | 1219 | Doktor Zoom

... isn't that an exciting story that completely proves there was no **Russian hack** ? Keep your virtual seatbelts fastened though: Alex Jones's Infowars offers ...  
... its 'dubious story' about Donald Trump revealing sensitive information to the **Russians** as part of a deliberate attempt to distract from the Amazing **Seth Rich** revelations. It only makes sense, sez Infowars, because the WaPo story ...  
... an hour after the bombshell news broke that murdered DNC staffer **Seth Rich** was in contact with **Wikileaks** and that DC Police were ordered to cover it up.' Yep, ...  
... up the idea[1] that all the intelligence agencies were lying about **Russia** having **hacked** the DNC, the Clinton campaign, and Clinton campaign manager John Podesta, because of course all the **Wikileaks** really came from DNC staffer **Seth Rich** , who was murdered by one of Hillary's hit squads[2] last ...  
... have to, because that's what George Soros tells us to do. The **Seth Rich** conspiracy story got fresh life yesterday when ...  
... a breathless story[3] asserting that a private investigator who 'worked for' **Seth Rich** 's family said he was certain there's evidence on Rich's laptop ...  
... laptop computer showing the slain DNC staffer had been communicating with **Wikileaks** before he was killed. The DC police believe Rich was killed ...

36. [Millionaire Reportedly Funding the Investigation into Seth Rich's Murder is Frequent Fox News Guest](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 16, 2017 | 601 | Aidan McLaughlin

... The family also said they have seen 'no evidence,' nor any **emails** proving contact between Rich and **Wikileaks** . The statement also notes Wheeler was 'paid for by a ...  
... of the third party paying Wheeler as fellow Fox News analyst **Ed Butowsky**: Bauman told ...  
... Millionaire Reportedly Funding the Investigation into **Seth Rich** 's Murder is Frequent Fox News Guest Aidan McLaughlin May 16, ...  
... <http://www.mediaite.com> / Delivered by Newstex) A spokesman for the family of **Seth Rich**, the **DNC** staffer murdered in Washington D.C. last year, revealed that a wealthy ...  
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37. [Clinton Voters Being Proven Depressingly Right](#)

Newstex Blogs | May 16, 2017 | 2749 | Eliot Nelson

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... fascination of conspiracy theorists, who alleged he was the source of **DNC emails** published on **Wikileaks**, even though U.S. intelligence agencies say they actually came from a **Russian hacking** operation.' [MSNBC[25]]Condolences to Melissa McCarthy: 'As President ...

... 21]: <http://www.foxnews.com/person/b/ed-butowsky.html?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000603> [ 22]: ...